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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2001. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from October 5, 2001 to November 5, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect amendment of previously pending claims 1 and 8. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

1. (Amended) A method of identifying the presence of a selected interferent contained in a specimen in the presence of a blood substitute, one or more other interferents, and at least one analyte, by quantification of the selected interferent in said specimen, using a spectrophotometer, comprising the steps of:
 - i) generating a calibration algorithm for said selected interferent;
 - ii) measuring with said spectrophotometer, an absorbance of radiation by said selected interferent in said specimen; and
 - iii) incorporating said absorbance measured in step ii) in said algorithm and calculating the concentration of said selected interferent in said specimen.